

REMARKS

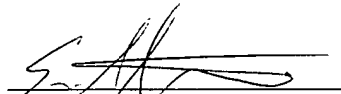
Claims 1-5, 9, 13, and 15-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ballard, U.S. Patent 6,078,960 (Ballard). Claims 6-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballard, in view of Fujimoto, JP2001117932A (Fujimoto). Claims 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballard, in view of Al-Ghosien, et al., U.S. Patent 6,473,791 (Al-Ghosien). Claims 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballard, in view of Bartle, U.S. Patent 6,188,888 (Bartle). In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectively request reexamination and reconsideration of all pending claims.

Each of the independent claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ballard. Applicants have amended each of the independent claims. Applicants submit that the independent claims, as amended, are not taught in the sections of Ballard cited in the Office action. Specifically, the cited sections of Ballard teaches a load balance list enumerating respective addresses of multiple server computers storing a common set of data. As amended, for example, claim 1 recites a map listing first and second services and their corresponding service addresses. As amended, claim 1 also recites that the first and second services are provided by a single server computer system. Moreover, the first and second service addresses corresponding to the first and second services, are distinct from each other. The map of amended claim 1 is substantially different when compared to the load balance list of Ballard cited in the Office Action. As such it follows that claim 1 and the other independent claims, as amended, is patentably distinguishable over the cited sections of Ballard.

CONCLUSION

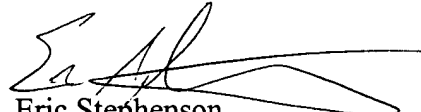
In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5093.

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